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REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN N. MORGAN dated 9/16/66 at Chicago.

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Report of: SA JOHN N. MORGAN

Office: CHICAGO

Date: MAR 17 1967

Field Office File #: 105-1655

Bureau File #: 100-408462

Title: RUSSIAN - AMERICAN OLD SETTLERS CLUB

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

Synopsis: Officers elected by the Russian - American Old Settlers Club (RAOSC) for the year 1967, include two former members of the Communist Party (CP) and one present member. As of December, 1966, the RAOSC had \$1,015 balance in its checking account. Meetings and affairs were sponsored by the RAOSC during the past several months.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The following organizations mentioned in this report have not been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450 and they are characterized in the appendix pages:

Humboldt Park Civic Association (HPCA)
Russian - American Old Settlers Club (RAOSC)

All meetings and affairs mentioned in this report were held at 2757 West LeMoyne Street, unless otherwise indicated.

I. BACKGROUND

A. Officers

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

At a meeting of the RAOSC held on December 10, 1966, an election of officers was held for the year 1967 with the following results:

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Chairman, ~~STEVE SALWONCHIK~~
Vice-Chairman, ~~STEVE KREEVOY~~ C.P. member 1930
Recording Secretary, ~~ANTON HARBIN~~ C.P. member
Financial Secretary, ~~MIKE KARPINCHIK~~ C.P. member in 1932
Educational Director, ~~ANTON HONCAROFF~~ former C.P. member

(CG T-1, 12/30/66)

STEVE SALWONCHIK is not a member of the Communist Party (CP) but is pro-Soviet and pro-Communist.

(CG T-1, 3/3/67)

In interviews with Agents of the FBI during 1955, STEVE KREEVOY admitted membership in the CP during the early 1930s.

ANTON HARBIN is a member of the Russian-Ukrainian Club, CP of Illinois.

(CG T-1, 2/20/67)

In an interview with agents of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) on June 6, 1955, MIKE KARPINCHIK stated that he had been a member of the CP from approximately 1932 to 1934.

ANTON HONCAROFF is a former member of the CP but is not now a member. He resigned from the CP in approximately 1941 or 1942, because at that time non-U.S. citizens were advised by the leadership of the CP to resign. He is considered to be pro-Soviet and pro-Communist at this time.

(CG T-1, 2/20/67)

B. Funds

At a meeting of the RAOSC held on July 9, 1966, an Auditing Committee Report was submitted which indicated that the organization had a balance on hand in the bank as of July 1, 1966, of \$1,018.28.

(CG T-1, 7/11/66)

At a meeting of the RAOSC held on August 13, 1966, it was announced that profits from picnics sponsored by the RAOSC held on July 10, 1966, and July 31, 1966, had resulted in a total profit of \$291.85.

(CG T-1, 8/18/66)

At a meeting of the RAOSC held on December 10, 1966, it was announced that the organization had a balance of \$1,015 in its checking account as of December, 1966, and it was voted to raise the annual rental payment paid for the use of the space for RAOSC meetings to \$60 per year. This rental is paid to the HPCA for space used in the Russian Cultural Center, which is owned by the HPCA.

(CG T-1, 12/30/66)

II. MISCELLANEOUS

Meetings and Activities

A meeting of the RAOSC was held on July 9, 1966, and a discussion was held concerning plans for a picnic to be held on July 10, 1966.

(CG T-1, 7/11/66)

Picnics sponsored by the RAOSC were held at the Caldwell Woods Forest Preserve on July 10, and July 31, 1966. Both of these affairs were entirely social in nature.

(CG T-1, 7/11 & 8/3/66)

At a meeting of the RAOSC held on August 13, 1966, a talk concerning current events was given by one of the members in which a need for unity by the United States and Iron Curtain countries was stressed.

(CG T-1, 8/18/66)

A meeting of the RAOSC was held on September 10, 1966. It was decided to hold a discussion at the next meeting concerning a membership drive and an educational was held on the topic of non-violent Negro civil rights demonstrations.

(CG T-1, 9/19/66)

At a meeting of the RAOSC held on October 8, 1966, a discussion was held concerning the coming elections and it was stated that members of the "progressive" group have had no choice between members of the major political parties and those in attendance were urged to vote for an independant write-in candidate for United States senator.

(CG T-1, 10/14/66)

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At an affair sponsored by the Friends of "Russky Golos", held on October 9, 1966, one of the speakers brought greetings from the RAOSC and a \$100 contribution was made to "Russky Golos" by the RAOSC.

(CG T-1, 10/14/66)

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" Revised and Published December 1, 1961, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., states as follows on page 199 concerning "Russky Golos":

- "1. A 'Russian-language daily' which the committee found to be a 'Communist-controlled publication.'

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1957, House Report 1360, February 19, 1958, pp. 34 and 37.)"

At a meeting of the RAOSC held on November 12, 1966, a discussion was held concerning the fact that an advertisement had appeared in "Russky Golos" without prior approval of the RAOSC in which the RAOSC brought "greetings" to "Russky Golos" on an anniversary date. "Russky Golos" had subsequently billed the RAOSC for this add and it was decided that in the future "Russky Golos" should be advised they should get permission first.

(CG T-1, 11/16/66)

At a meeting of the RAOSC held on February 11, 1967, it was voted to contribute \$50 from the treasury to "Russky Golos".

(CG T-1, 2/15/67)

HUMBOLDT PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The records of the Recorder's Office, City Hall, Chicago, Illinois, reflect that the Humboldt Park Civic Association (HPCA) was incorporated on June 30, 1952, under the terms of the General Not for Profit Corporation Act. The announced purposes of this Association are: civic, patriotic, charitable, benevolent, religious, social, educational, literary, athletic and recreational.

A source advised on May 13, 1966, that the HPCA, which owns the Russian Cultural Center, Chicago, Illinois, was organized in 1952 as a fraternal organization of pro-Soviet Russian-American individuals in the Chicago area. That it is currently under communist control is evidenced by the fact that among its officers for 1966 are Communist Party members.

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APPENDIX

RUSSIAN-AMERICAN OLD SETTLERS CLUB

A source advised on May 13, 1966, that the Russian-American Old Settlers Club was formed January 8, 1954, at a meeting of the Policy Holders Protective Committee of the International Workers Order (IWO) for the purpose of taking over the social functions formerly handled by the Russian-American Fraternal Society of the IWO, thereby holding together the "progressive element" within the Russian community in the Chicago area. Although the organization was virtually inactive during 1956 and 1957, it resumed holding meetings in early 1958 and continues in existence as of this time.

Among the officers of this organization for 1966, several are Communist Party members.

The IWO has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Chicago, Illinois

March 17, 1967

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Reference is made to report of Special
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Data received from [redacted] on 2/15/67 re a \$100 contribution to "The Worker" Fund Drive was paraphrased to protect this very sensitive source.

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RUSSIAN-AMERICAN OLD SETTLERS CLUB

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

Synopsis:

The Russian-American Old Settlers Club (RAOSC) has a current membership of approximately 70. The RAOSC made a \$100 contribution to "The Worker" Fund Drive in 1/67. The RAOSC made a \$50 contribution to the Annual Chicago May Day affair. Meetings and affairs sponsored by the RAOSC during the past several months set forth.

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I. BACKGROUND

A. Membership

The RAOSC has a current paid-up membership of approximately 70.

(CG T-1, 8/16/67)

B. Funds

It was learned that a profit of \$76.31 was realized from a picnic sponsored by the RAOSC on July 9, 1967.

(CG T-1, 7/21/67)

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At a meeting of the RAOSC held on August 12, 1967, it was announced that a profit of \$91.41 resulted from a picnic held by the group on August 6, 1967.

(CG T-1, 8/16/67)

II. COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) INFLUENCE

It was learned that in January, 1967, a \$100 contribution was made by the RAOSC to "The Worker" Fund Drive. This money was turned over to JACK KLING.

(CG T-1, 2/15/67)

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

As of July, 1966, JACK KLING^{SL} was the Organizational Secretary of the CP of Illinois.

(CG T-2, 7/7/66)

III. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Meetings and Affairs

At a meeting of the RAOSC held on March 11, 1967, a discussion was held about efforts to attract new members, and the membership voted to join with the HPCA in extending an invitation to the Soviet Committee for Cultural Relations with Compatriots Abroad to send a representative to the United States for a visit.

(CG T-1, 3/15/67)

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The Soviet Committee for Cultural Relations with Compatriots Abroad (SCCRCA) (formerly known as Committee for a Return to the HomeLand and the Development of Cultural Relations with Compatriots Abroad) is a Soviet propaganda organization founded in East Berlin, Germany in 1955, and since that time has been headed by various Soviet officials.

The Committee publishes a magazine entitled, "HomeLand" and a newspaper, "Voice of the Home Land", in the Russian, Belorussian, Estonian, Ukrainian, Georgian, and other related languages. Such publications, which are mailed to numerous persons having a family origin in countries now under Soviet domination, attempt to entice such individuals to return to their home land, to praise the accomplishments of the country's government of their individual country of origin, and to attack and vilify generally the activities, leaders, and mores of countries of the free world.

(CG T-3, 4/21/66)

Issue number 47 for July, 1963 of the publication, "Voice of the Home Land" noted that the Committee has adopted the name SCCRCA.

At a meeting of the RAOSC held on April 8, 1967, it was voted to contribute \$50 to the Annual Chicago May Day affair.

(CG T-1, 4/20/67)

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The Annual Chicago May Day affair was held on April 30, 1967, at Milda Hall on South Halsted Street, Chicago. This affair was planned and run by the Nationality Group of the CP of Illinois.

(CG T-1, 5/8/67)

At a meeting of the RAOSC held on May 13, 1967, there was an educational dissertation given by one of the members. This dissertation was supposed to deal with "progressive" movements, but the speaker was so ill-prepared and inarticulate that he was almost unintelligible.

(CG T-1, 5/24/67)

The RAOSC sponsored a picnic held at the Caldwell Woods Forest Preserve on July 9, 1967. This was entirely a social affair.

(CG T-1, 7/21/67)

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the RAOSC was held on July 29, 1967, for the purpose of finalizing plans for a picnic to be held on August 6, 1967.

(CG T-1, 8/16/67)

A picnic sponsored by the RAOSC was held at the Caldwell Forest Preserve on August 6, 1967. This was a social affair.

(CG T-1, 8/16/67)

A general business meeting was held by the RAOSC on August 12, 1967.

(CG T-1, 8/16/67)

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B. Association with Other Organizations

An affair marking the 15th Anniversary of the HPCA was held on April 9, 1967. A representative of the RAOSC spoke and brought greetings to the HPCA.

(CG T-1, 4/20/67)

An affair sponsored by the Friends of "Russky Golos" marking the 50th Anniversary of "Russky Golos" was held on February 26, 1967. One of the speakers at this affair, who brought greetings to the paper on its anniversary was a representative of the RAOSC.

(CG T-1, 3/15/67)

"RUSSKY GOLOS" (New York City)

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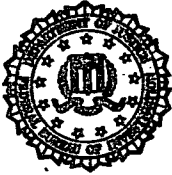
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Chicago, Illinois
September 26, 1967

Title

RUSSIAN-AMERICAN OLD SETTLERS
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Character

INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

Reference

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Characterizations of
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Title: RUSSIAN-AMERICAN OLD SETTLERS CLUB ✓

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - R ✓

Synopsis: The Russian-American Old Settlers Club (RAOSC) has a current membership of approximately 72. Officers elected for the year 1968 included two former Communist Party (CP) members and two current members. ✓ As of 1/1/68, the RAOSC had a balance of \$934.62 in its checking account. ✓ Meetings and affairs were sponsored by the RAOSC during the past several months.

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I. BACKGROUND

A. Officers and Membership

At a meeting of the RAOSC held on December 16, 1967, an election of officers for the year 1968 was held with the following results:

Chairman - ~~STEVE SALWONCHIK~~
Vice Chairman - ~~STEVE KREEVOY~~
Recording Secretary - ~~ANTON HARBIN~~
Financial Secretary - ~~MIKE KARPINCHIK~~
Educational Director - ~~GEORGE SHARAK~~

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(CG T-1, 12/18/67)

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(CG T-1, 1/13/68)

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ANTON HARBIN and GEORGE SHARAK are members of the Russian-Ukrainian Club, CP of Illinois.

(CG T-1, 1/13/68)

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The RAOSC has a current paid up approximate membership of 72.

(CG T-1, 1/13/68)

B. Funds

At a meeting of the RAOSC held on September 9, 1967, the auditing committee report for the period January 1, 1967, through June 30, 1967, revealed that there had been expenses of \$351.00, income \$195.00, with a balance of \$991.23 in the checking account as of July 1, 1967.

(CG T-1, 9/19/67)

At a meeting of the RAOSC held on January 13, 1968, the auditing committee report covering the period July 1, 1967, through December 31, 1967, revealed that income was \$283.45, expenses \$368.50, interest earned \$30.24, leaving a balance in the organization's checking account as of January 1, 1968 of \$934.62.

(CG T-1, 2/5/68)

II. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Meetings and Affairs

A general business meeting of the membership of the RAOSC was held on September 9, 1967.

(CG T-1, 9/19/67)

At a meeting of the RAOSC held on October 14, 1967, it was voted to contribute \$50 to "Russky Golos". It was also decided to buy a pen and pencil set as a going away present for ALEXSEI KOSIKOV of the U.S.S.R. Embassy, Washington, D.C., who was leaving the United States for Moscow to be reassigned.

(CG T-1, 10/20/67)

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" revised and published December 1, 1961, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., states as follows on page 199 concerning "Russky Golos":

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The "Diplomatic List" dated February, 1967, published by the United States Department of State identifies ALEXSEI P. KOSIKOV as a Second Secretary of the U.S.S.R. Embassy in Washington, D.C. Russia.

ALEXSEI KOSIKOV is a KGB (Committee of State Security) employee.

(CG T-2, 7/64)

A meeting of the RAOSC membership was held on November 11, 1967, at which time general club business matters were discussed.

(CG T-1, 11/20/67)

At a meeting of the RAOSC held on December 16, 1967, an election of officers was held as previously reported and greetings from various Soviet clubs for the New Year were read to the membership.

(CG T-1, 12/18/67)

At a meeting of the RAOSC held on January 13, 1968, a discussion was held concerning the purchasing of wreaths for the deceased members at the time they pass away. It was decided to authorize an expenditure of \$10 for each wreath.

(CG T-1, 2/5/68)

On February 4, 1968, a movie showing was sponsored by the RAOSC. This movie was a Russian film depicting the life of a Russian civil war guerilla.

(CG T-1, 2/5/68)

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APPENDIX

RUSSIAN-AMERICAN OLD SETTLERS CLUB

A source advised on May 8, 1967, that the Russian-American Old Settlers Club was formed January 8, 1954, at a meeting of the Policy Holders Protective Committee of the International Workers Order (IWO) for the purpose of taking over the social functions formerly handled by the Russian-American Fraternal Society of the IWO, thereby holding together the "progressive element" within the Russian community in the Chicago area. Although the organization was virtually inactive during 1956 and 1957, it resumed holding meetings in early 1958 and continues in existence as of this time.

Among the officers of this organization for 1967, several are Communist Party members.

The IWO has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Chicago, Illinois

March 22, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. CG 105-1655

Title RUSSIAN-AMERICAN OLD SETTLERS CLUB ✓

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C ✓

Reference Report of Special Agent John N. Morgan
dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Chicago, Illinois
May 16, 1968

RUSSIAN-AMERICAN OLD
SETTLERS CLUB (RAOSC)
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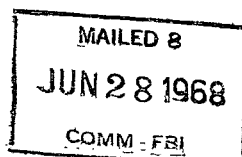
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The title is marked "Changed" to reflect the new name of the organization as adopted by the membership at meeting of organization on June 8, 1968.

REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN N. MORGAN dated 3/22/68, at Chicago.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will follow and report activities of this organization.

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This report is classified ~~confidential~~ because it contains information received from an informant of continuing value whose future effectiveness could be compromised by the unauthorized disclosure of information contained herein.

An up-to-date characterization of this organization reflecting its new name will be submitted by separate communication for Bureau approval.

INFORMANTS

Source

Location

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Characterization of
ANTON HARBIN, GEORGE SHARAK

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Characterization of
JACK KLING, LOU DISKIN

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Report of: SA RICHARD H. NACHTSHEIM Office: Chicago
Date: OCT 22 1968

Field Office File #: 105-1655

Bureau File #: 100-408462

Title: RUSSIAN-AMERICAN OLD SETTLERS CLUB OF YURI GAGARIN

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Synopsis: Name of organization changed from Russian-American Old Settlers Club by vote of membership to honor deceased Soviet Cosmonaut YURI GAGARIN. Organization donated \$100. to Daily World, Communist newspaper successor to The Worker; \$100. donated to campaign of JACK KLING, candidate Communist Party (CP) of Illinois for Illinois State Legislature. Meeting of Russian-American Old Settlers Club of Yuri Gagarin (RAOSCYG) on 8/10/68 addressed by LOU DISKIN, Vice Chairman, Illinois CP. Plans underway for organization to sponsor tour of Soviet Union by Chicago Russian-Americans during summer of 1969 through special arrangements with USSR Embassy, Washington, D. C. Information regarding meetings and activities during past several months set forth.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The following organizations mentioned in this report have not been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450, and are characterized in the Appendix pages:

Humboldt Park Civic Association (HPCA)

Russian-American Old Settlers Club of
Yurā Gagarin (RAOSCYG)

Soviet Committee on Cultural Relations
with Compatriots Abroad (SCCRCA)

All meetings and affairs mentioned in this report were held at 2757 West LeMoyné, unless otherwise indicated.

I. BACKGROUND

A. Membership

Four new members have been accepted into membership in the past six months while one member died giving the organization a total membership of 74.

(CG T-1, 10/14/68)

B. Funds

The treasury of the RAOSCYG as of October 1, 1968 has a balance of approximately \$800.00.

(CG T-1, 10/14/68)

C. Change of Organization Name

At a meeting of the organization on June 8, 1968 ANTON HARBIN, Recording Secretary, proposed that the name of the organization be changed to Russian-American Old Settlers Club of Yuri Gagarin to honor the Soviet Cosmonaut recently killed who was the first man in space. Those present unanimously voted to accept HARBIN's proposal and to notify the appropriate agency of the Soviet government of this honor bestowed upon GAGARIN.

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ANTON HARBIN is a member of the Russian-Ukranian Club of the CP of Illinois.

(CG T-1, 6/12/68)

JULIUS METRICK, a member of the RAOSCYG during a visit to the USSR contacted representatives of the Committee for Cultural Relations with Compatriots Abroad on behalf of the RAOSCYG. METRICK referred to correspondence with the Committee informing it of the decision of the Club to honor GAGARIN by changing the Club's name. METRICK was informed that the Committee was greatly impressed by the Club's action and had decided to present the Club with an oil portrait of GAGARIN which would be formally presented to the RAOSCYG by a representative of the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C. It was agreed that the presentation would be made at a meeting of the organization at the Russian Cultural Center in Chicago after notification by the Soviet Embassy that the portrait had arrived in the United States.

(CG T-1, 10/14/68)

II. COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) INFLUENCE

At a meeting of the RAOSCYG held on March 9, 1968 GEORGE SHARAK gave a report on plans by the CP, USA to publish a new daily newspaper, the "Daily World." He outlined the various types of subscriptions available and proposed that the organization purchase a charter subscription for \$100. By vote the RAOSCYG agreed to contribute \$100. for such a subscription and, in addition, seven members present purchased individual subscriptions.

GEORGE SHARAK is a member of the Russian-Ukranian Club of the CP of Illinois.

(CG T-1, 3/15/68)

"The Worker," an East Coast Communist publication in its issue of July 14, 1968, pages 1 and 2, announced that this was its final issue and that the publication would be succeeded by the "Daily World," to commence July 16, 1968.

At a meeting of the RAOSCYG held on August 10, 1968 LOU DISKIN spoke to the membership as a representative of the CP of Illinois. 33 members were present. In his remarks DISKIN described the political crisis existing in the United States at the present time and referred to the CP, USA as the 6th party on the political scene. He stated "I've been a Communist for the past 34 years."

DISKIN referred to the campaign of JACK KLING the candidate of the CP of Illinois for Illinois State Legislature. He explained that KLING was planning to challenge the Illinois loyalty oath by refusing to sign the declaration of loyalty.

At the conclusion of DISKIN's remarks it was moved that the RAOSCYG contribute \$100. to KLING's campaign, and the motion passed unanimously.

(CG T-1, 8/14/68)

LOU DISKIN is Second Vice Chairman of the CP of Illinois and a member of National Committee of the CP, USA.

(CG T-2, 10/3/68)

JACK KLING is State Secretary of the CP of Illinois and a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

(CG T-2, 10/3/68)

III. MISCELLANEOUS

The RAOSCYG on 4/13/68 made plans at its meeting to co-sponsor with the Humboldt Park Civic Association an anniversary celebration on 5/19/68 commemorating the victory of the Russian army over the German army in World War II.

Also at this meeting members were urged to participate in an anti-war parade and demonstration on 4/27/68 planned by local peace and civil rights groups. In addition, GEORGE SHARAK gave a report on racial riots in the United States and compared the plight of Negro Americans with the serfdom which existed in czarist Russia.

(CG T-1, 4/17/68)

It was announced at a meeting of the organization on 6/8/68 that a profit of \$137.04 was realized from the anniversary celebration of the victory of Russian forces in World War II. 25 members were present at this meeting.

(CG T-1, 6/12/68)

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A picnic sponsored by the organization on 8/4/68 for the benefit of Russky Golos resulted in a profit of \$120. According to a report made to the general membership of the organization at a meeting on 8/10/68.

"RUSSKY GOLOS" (New York City)

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Annual Report for 1957, House Report
1360, February 19, 1958, pp. 34 and 37)

A discussion was also held at this meeting concerning the organization sponsoring a "Consular Day" to which officials of the Soviet Embassy would be invited to answer questions concerning travel to USSR and travel by Soviet citizens to the United States. It was decided that this affair would be held on 10/20/68.

(CG T-1, 8/14/68)

The Soviet Embassy informed the RAOSCYG that it would be necessary to postpone "Consular Day" to sometime in December, 1968 or January, 1969 because of other commitments of Soviet Embassy personnel.

Representatives of the RAOSCYG have had several discussions with Soviet Embassy representatives concerning a special tour of the Soviet Union to be sponsored by the organization in the summer of 1969. The Soviet government through the Embassy has offered preferential treatment to those making the tour, offering travel discounts which would amount to a \$200. or \$300. saving per individual. As now planned the tour would consist of visits by the tour group to Moscow, the Crimea and a third point of interest after which the tourists could travel independently to their "villages" of origin to visit relatives. Furthermore each tourist could arrange to visit for whatever length of time desired at any of the famous Soviet health resorts on the Black Sea

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at a minimul cost with no charge whatever for health treatments. The tour will be open to any Russian-Americans in the Chicago area, however, all arrangements will be made by the RAOSCYG.

The organization intends to co-sponsor an affair celebrating the 51st anniversary of the Russian Revolution to be held 11/10/68. Representatives of the Soviet Embassy and Chicago Polish Consulate will be invited guests.

(CG T-1, 10/14/68)

HUMBOLDT PARK CIVIC
ASSOCIATION (HPCA)

The records of the Recorder's Office, City Hall, Chicago, Illinois, reflect that the HPCA was incorporated on June 30, 1952, under the terms of the General Not for Profit Corporation Act. The announced purposes of this Association are: civic, patriotic, charitable, benevolent, religious, social, educational, literary, athletic and recreational.

A source advised on May 7, 1968, that the HPCA, which owns the Russian Cultural Center, Chicago, Illinois, was organized in 1952 as a fraternal organization of pro-Soviet Russian-American individuals in the Chicago area. That it is currently under communist control is evidenced by the fact that among its officers for 1968 are Communist Party members.

APPENDIXRUSSIAN-AMERICAN OLD
SETTLERS CLUB (RAOSC)

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APPENDIX

SOVIET COMMITTEE OF CULTURAL
RELATIONS WITH COMPATRIOTS
ABROAD (SCCRCA)

According to a source on September 29, 1967, the SCCRCA (formerly known as Committee for a Return to the Homeland and the Development of Cultural Relations with Compatriots Abroad) is a Soviet propaganda organization founded in East Berlin, Germany, in 1955, and since that time, has been headed by various Soviet officials.

The Committee publishes a magazine entitled "Homeland," and a newspaper, "Voice of the Homeland," in the Russian, Belorussian, Estonian, Ukrainian, Georgian, and other related languages. Such publications, which are mailed to numerous persons having a family origin in countries now under Soviet domination, attempt to entice such individuals to return to their homeland, to praise the accomplishments of the current government of their individual countries of origin, and to attack and vilify generally the activities, leaders, and mores of countries of the free world.

Issue Number 45 of July, 1963, of the publication "Voice of the Homeland," noted the Committee had adopted the name SCCRCA.

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Reference Report of Special Agent RICHARD H.
NACHTSHEIM dated and captioned as
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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-408462)

DATE: 12/26/68

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (105-1655)

SUBJECT: RUSSIAN-AMERICAN OLD SETTLERS

CLUB OF YURI GAGARIN (RAOSCYG)

Formerly Known as, Russian-American
Old Settlers Club
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Re report of SA RICHARD H. NACHTSHEIM dated 10/22/68
at Chicago.

The following amended characterization of the RAOSCYG
is submitted herewith for Bureau approval:

RUSSIAN-AMERICAN OLD SETTLERS
CLUB OF YURI GAGARIN (RAOSCYG)
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Among the officers of this organization for 1968 are Communist Party and former Communist Party members.

The IWO has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Source of the above information who has furnished reliable information in the past, is

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REFERENCE: Report of SA RICHARD H. NACHTSHEIM dated
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Report of: SA JOHN N. MORGAN

Date: April 28, 1968

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 105-1655

Bureau File #: 100-408462

Title: RUSSIAN-AMERICAN OLD
SETTLERS CLUB OF YURI GAGARIN

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

Synopsis:

Officers elected for 1969 include two Communist Party (CP) members. Approximate membership 75. The organization voted a \$100 donation to "RUSSKY GOLOS". Affairs sponsored by the Russian-American Old Settlers Club of Yuri Gagarin were addressed by representatives of U.S.S.R. Embassy, Washington, D.C. during past several months.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Russian-American Old Settlers Club of Yuri Gagarin (RAOSC) mentioned in this report has not been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450 and is characterized in the appendix section.

All meetings and affairs mentioned in this report were held at 2757 West Le Moyne Street, unless otherwise indicated.

I. BACKGROUND

A. Officers and Membership

At a meeting of the RAOSC held on December 14, 1968, the annual election of officers for the year 1969 was held with the following results:

Chairman:- STEVE ~~SALWONCHIK~~

Vice Chairman - STEVE ~~KREEVOY~~

Financial Secretary - MIKE ~~KARPINCHIK~~

Recording Secretary - ANTON ~~HARBIN~~

Educational Director - GEORGE SHARAK (SI)

(CG T-1, 12/16/68)

75.

The current membership of the RAOSC is approximately

(CG T-1, 4/15/69)

STEVE SALWONCHIK is pro-communist and pro-soviet although not a member of the Communist Party (CP).

(CG T-1, 4/17/69)

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In interviews with FBI agents during 1955, STEVE KREEVOY admitted membership in the CP during the early 1930's.

In an interview with agents of the Immigration and Naturalization Service on June 6, 1955, MIKE KARPINCHIK stated that he had been a member of the CP from approximately 1932 to 1934.

ANTON HARBIN is chairman of the Russian Club of the CP of Illinois.

(CG T-1, 4/17/69)

GEORGE SHARAK is a member of the Russian Club, CP of Illinois.

(CG T-1, 4/17/69)

B. Funds

At a meeting of the RAOSC held on October 12, 1968, it was announced that a social affair held by the club on September 15, 1968, had resulted in a profit of \$78.53.

(CG T-1, 11/6/68)

At a meeting of the RAOSC held on November 9, 1968, it was announced that a profit of \$28.50 had resulted from the sale of refreshments following the October, 1968, meeting.

(CG T-1, 11/12/68)

The RAOSC was a co-sponsor of an affair held on January 19, 1969, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Socialist Republic of Byelorussia. The RAOSC received a \$60 share of the profits.

(CG T-1, 1/20/69)

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II. COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) INFLUENCE

As noted above, ANTON HARBIN and GEORGE SHARAK, recording secretary and education director, respectively, have been identified as CP members.

As of January, 1969, the RAOSC at 2757 West Le Moyne Street, Chicago, was on the mailing list of the "Daily World", an east coast communist newspaper.

(CG T-2, 1/13/69)

III. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Meetings and Affairs

A meeting of the RAOSC was held on September 7, 1968. A report was given at this meeting concerning the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia which had recently taken place. It was claimed that the soviet intervention came at the specific request of the Czech people because the Czech people were determined to prevent a restoration of capitalism in their country. A new member was admitted to the RAOSC at this meeting.

(CG T-1, 10/4/68)

At a meeting of the RAOSC held on October 12, 1968, the membership voted to make a \$100 contribution to "RUSSKY GOLOS". JULIUS METRICK, a RAOSC member, gave a talk on his visit to the U.S.S.R. during the previous summer. METRICK was critical of soviet red tape and other "little things" and members of the club felt that he was being supercritical. III

(CG T-1, 11/6/68)

"RUSSKY GOLOS" (New York City

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A subcommittee of the RAOSC met on October 30, 1968, for the purpose of making preparations for a celebration marking the 51st anniversary of the Russian revolution. This affair was to take place on November 10, 1968. It was hoped that representatives of the U.S.S.R. Embassy, Washington D.C. could be in attendance and it was also planned to invite a representative of the Polish Consulate, Chicago, Illinois

(CG T-1, 11/6/68)

At a membership meeting of the RAOSC held on November 9, 1968, GEORGE SHARAK gave an analysis of the Presidential election results in the United States. SHARAK stated that the election of RICHARD NIXON would not help relations between the United States and the U.S.S.R. He predicted a difficult time ahead for progressives.

(CG T-1, 11/12/68)

A celebration marking the 51st anniversary of the Russian revolution was held on November 10, 1968, sponsored by the RAOSC. The main speaker at this affair was EDMOND YUSHKIS of the U.S.S.R. Embassy, Washington, D.C. YUSHKIS spoke for about 35 minutes on the comparison of morality and culture in the U.S.S.R. and the United States. He claimed that the Soviet Union has higher morality standards and loyalty to its government than does the United States, which tends to make law enforcement less difficult in the U.S.S.R.

(CG T-1, 11/12/68)

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The "Diplomatic List" dated November, 1968, published by the United States Department of State (USDS) lists EDMUNDES Y. YUSHKIS as a second secretary of the U.S.S.R. Embassy, Washington, D.C.

As indicated in an earlier portion of this report, a meeting of the RAOSC was held on December 14, 1968, in which the annual election of officers was held.

(CG T-1, 12/16/68)

A general membership meeting of the RAOSC was held on January 11, 1969. Two new members were admitted.

(CG T-1, 1/17/69)

A celebration affair marking the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Socialist Republic of Byelorussia was held on January 19, 1969. The RAOSC was a co-sponsor of this affair. YURIY MOSTINSKIY of the U.S.S.R. Embassy, Washington, D.C. was the main speaker. MOSTINSKIY spoke of the history of the Republic of Byelorussia and spoke of the progress that they had made under the Soviet Socialist government. Following his speech a Russian film was shown to entertain the audience.

(CG T-1, 1/20/69)

The "Diplomatic List" published by the USDS dated November, 1968, lists YURIY MOSTINSKIY as an attache of the U.S.S.R. Embassy, Washington, D.C.

B. Plans for a RAOSC Sponsored Tour of the U.S.S.R.

A special meeting of the RAOSC was held on December 15, 1968, for the purpose of explaining to interested persons the details of a tour of the Soviet Union, planned for the summer of 1969 under sponsorship of the RAOSC. This meeting was chaired jointly by ANTON HARBIN and GEORGE SHARAK who explained the details of the tour and the proposed financial costs and arrangements.

(CG T-1, 12/16/68)

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It was learned that GEORGE SHARAK had traveled to Washington, D.C. on December 12, 1969, for the purpose of meeting with an In~~st~~tourist representative from New York at the U.S.S.R. Embassy. It was understood that the meeting did not take place because of a heavy snow storm in New York which made it impossible for the In~~st~~tourist representative to travel to Washington for the meeting.

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APPENDIX

RUSSIAN-AMERICAN OLD SETTLERS CLUB
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Title RUSSIAN-AMERICAN OLD SETTLERS
CLUB OF YURI GAGARIN

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

Reference is made to report of Special
Agent JOHN N. MORGAN dated and
captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.



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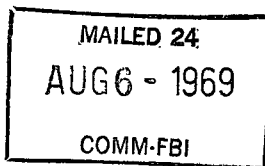
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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will follow and report the activities of this organization.

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Characterizations of
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Report of: LOREN G. ADAMS
Date: 10/28/69

Office: Chicago, Illinois

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Title: RUSSIAN - AMERICAN OLD SETTLERS
CLUB OF YURI GAGARIN

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - ~~RUSSIA~~ *Communist*

Synopsis: Membership of the Russian-American Old Settlers Club of Yuri Gagarin is approximately 73. Organization donated \$200. to subscription purchase of "Daily World." Voted \$50. expenses for organization delegate to attend national convention of Communist Party. Two officers identified as CP members. Organization received letter from Soviet Committee on Cultural Relations with Compatriots Abroad, Moscow, USSR. Organization requested representatives of USSR Embassy, Washington, D.C., to attend affairs at Chicago. Information regarding meetings and activities set forth.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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Russian-American Old Settlers Club
of Yuri Gagarin; (RAOSCYG)
Soviet Committee on Cultural Relations
with Compatriots Abroad (also known
as SCCRCA).

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All of the meetings and affairs mentioned in this report were held at 2757 West LeMoyne Street, Chicago, unless otherwise indicated.

I. BACKGROUND

A. Officers and Membership

There have been no changes in the officers of the RAOSCYG during 1969, and none is anticipated until the next election, which is scheduled to be held in January, 1970.

(CG T-1, 10/27/69)

The current membership of the RAOSCYG is 73. Approximately 35 members are in attendance at various meetings of this organization.

(CG T-1, 10/27/69)

B. Funds

The treasury of the RAOSCYG, as of October 27, 1969, had a balance of nearly \$1,000.

(CG T-1, 10/27/69)

C. Change in Times of Meetings

The meeting times for the RAOSCYG has been changed to the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00 PM. These meetings were changed from Saturday to Tuesday so that those members attending could use their Medicare cards in connection with taking public transportation to the place of the meeting.

(CG T-1, 10/27/69)

II. COMMUNIST PARTY
(CP) INFLUENCE

At a meeting of the RAOSCYG, which was held April 15, 1969, it was announced that the group's subscription to the "Daily World" was about to expire. It was then voted that the subscription should be renewed with a \$100.00 subscription purchase.

At this same meeting, GEORGE SHARAK announced that the group would have a delegate going to New York to attend the CP National Convention in April, 1969. While this delegate was not identified by SHARAK, the membership voted \$50.00 toward this delegate's expenses.

(CG T-1, 4/21/69)

"The Worker," an East coast communist publication, in its issue of July 14, 1968, pages one and two, announced that this was its final issue and that the publication would be succeeded by the "Daily World," commencing July 16, 1968.

GEORGE SHARAK is chairman of the Russian Club of the CP of Illinois.

(CG T-1, 4/17/69)

At the meeting of the RAOSCYG on July 8, 1969, it was announced that on June 27, 1969, the first anniversary of the "Daily World" had occurred and money had been given to the publication by the organization. It was determined, however, that a mixup had occurred and that while only \$100.00 had been intended for the subscription, actually \$200. had been contributed by GEORGE SHARAK.

(CG T-1, 7/16/79)

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At a meeting of the Russian Club, CP of Illinois, held at 2757 West LeMoyne Street, on April 21, 1969, ANTON HARBIN was elected as one of the delegates of that club to the state convention of the CP, which was scheduled to be held at Milda Hall on South Halsted Street, Chicago, in April, 1969.

(CG T-1, 4/21/69)

ANTON HARBIN is the corresponding secretary of the RAOSCYG.

(CG T-1, 10/27/69)

III. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Meetings and Affairs

At an executive meeting of the RAOSCYG, which was held March 4, 1969, it was decided that a recommendation would be made at the next membership meeting to hold an affair on April 20, 1969, to honor the Soviet Cosmonauts. In this connection, it was also requested that the Soviet Ambassador to the United States, ANATOLIY F. DOBRYNIN, should be requested to send VADIM KAVALEROV to be a guest of the RAOSCYG for this celebration.

(CG T-1, 3/17/69)

The August, 1969, "Diplomatic List", which is published by the United States Department of State, lists ANATOLIY F. DOBRYNIN, as ambassador and Mr. VADIM I. KAVALEROV as the first secretary and consul at the Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Washington, D.C.

A membership meeting of the RAOSCYG was held on March 8, 1969, at which time it was decided, pursuant to the recommendations of the Executive Committee, that the affair honoring the Soviet Cosmonauts should be held on April 20, 1969.

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It was also requested by the Executive Committee at this meeting that the membership mailing list of the organization should be checked by letter once each year.

(CG T-1, 3/17/69)

At a meeting of the RAOSCYG held May 13, 1969, a letter was received from the Committee on Cultural Relations with Compatriots Abroad, Moscow, USSR, was read to the 32 members present. This letter advised that the 100th anniversary of the birth of LENIN would take place on April 22, 1970, and it suggested that progressive Russian groups in the Chicago area might wish to have some form of celebration to mark this occasion. This letter enclosed a large picture of LENIN, which, it was decided by the members, should be framed for hanging.

(CG T-1, 5/26/69)

On May 18, 1969, a World War II victory celebration was held at 2757 West LeMoyne Street, under the sponsorship of the RAOSCYG and the friends of "Russky Golos." It was announced that efforts have been made to have a representative of the embassy of the USSR, Washington, D.C., in attendance at this meeting; however, it was learned that YURIY MOSTINSKIY had advised ANTON HARBIN that Chicago was then closed to Soviet travel; hence, no one would attend this affair from the embassy.

At the same celebration, there was to have been a showing of some motion pictures from the Russian delegation to the United Nations. However, since these films did not arrive, GEORGE SHARAK made a short speech. SHARAK spoke of the efforts of the Soviets in World War II and mentioned that the celebration was held to mark that victory. Over \$600.00 was collected at this celebration with \$350.00 of that amount being contributed on the behalf of MARIA KREEVOY, deceased.

(CG T-1, 5/26/69)

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Issue Number 45 of July, 1963, of the publication "Voice of the Homeland," noted the Committee had adopted the name SCCRCA.

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Chicago, Illinois
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CLUB OF YURI GAGARIN

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - ~~RUSSIA~~ *SOVIET*

Reference Report of SA LOREN G. ADAMS,
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Characterization of SCCRCA

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Concerning the newly elected officers, it is noted GEORGE SHARAK is a Security Index subject, Priority III. JULIA PETROVA was removed from the SI in June, 1964. At that time [] stated she had lost interest in "political" matters and he felt she was not a dedicated Communist. She was born 3/1/84. [] has stated her interests are now purely social. She is currently retained on the Reserve Index - B. No further active investigation is contemplated by Chicago.

STEVE SALWONCHIK and JOHN BRANOFF are not on the SI. [] has described both as being pro-Communist and pro-Soviet but they are poorly educated and have no interest in "political" matters. The source stated they are primarily interested in the social aspects of the club and seem unaware of the fact CP members exert influence in the group. Both are in advanced years.

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It is Chicago's opinion their activities in this club does not warrant inclusion on the SI. No further active investigation concerning them is contemplated.

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RUSSIAN-AMERICAN OLD SETTLERS CLUB OF YURI GAGARIN

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

Synopsis:

Membership of the Russian-American Old Settlers Club of Yuri Gagarin (RAOSCYG) between 70 and 75. Officers for year 1970 include two Communist Party members. Organization contributed funds to "Daily World" and "Russky Golos." Information concerning meetings and activities set forth.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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Russian-American Old Settlers Club of Yuri
Gagarin (RAOSCYG)

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I. BACKGROUND

A. Officers and Membership

It was learned that election of officers for the year 1970 was held in January, 1970, with the following results:

Chairman	STEVE SALWONCHIK
Vice-chairman	JULIA PETROVA
Financial Secretary	JOHN BRANOFF
Recording Secretary	ANTON HARBIN
Education Director	GEORGE SHARAK.

C. P. MEMBER

ILL

The RAOSCYG has a current membership of 70 to 75 persons with an average of 35 attending the meetings.

(CG T-1, 4/21/70)

STEVE SALWONCHIK and JOHN BRANOFF are not Communist Party (CP) members, but are considered to be pro-Soviet and pro-Communist.

(CG T-1, 4/21/70)

JULIA PETROVA is a former member of the CP who is considered to be pro-Communist and pro-Soviet.

(CG T-1, 4/21/70)

GEORGE SHARAK and ANTON HARBIN are members of the Russian-Ukrainian Club, CP of Illinois.

(CG T-1, 4/21/70)

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B. Funds

At a meeting of RAOSCYG on November 11, 1969, a financial report was given which included the information that a contribution of \$59.52 was made to "Daily World" and that a like amount was to be given to "Russky Golos." This money represented the proceeds realized by the organization as co-sponsor of an affair marking the 52nd Anniversary of the Russian Revolution.

(CG T-1, 11/25/69)

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II. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Meetings and Affairs

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ILL
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C. P. MEMBER

(CG T-1, 11/25/69)

At a meeting of the RAOSCYG held on December 9, 1969, it was decided to publish a New Year's greeting in the name of the organization in the New Year edition of "Russky Golos" which cost \$10. A discussion was held concerning a future affair and GEORGE SHARAK made a report on the alleged police attacks on the Black Panther Party.

(CG T-1, 12/16/69)

A meeting of the RAOSCYG was held on February 10, 1970. A report concerning "Russky Golosk" was given and it was announced that an affair was being planned on February 22, 1970, by the Friends of "Russky Golos" to mark the 53rd Anniversary of the founding of that publication.

(CG T-1, 2/16/70)

A meeting of the RAOSCYG was held on March 10, 1970. Greetings were read from the Soviet Committee on Cultural Relations with Compratriots Abroad (SCORCA) in connection with the celebration of International Women's Day. This letter from the Committee was sent by the Minsk Group. The membership took a vote approving a change of dates for an affair marking the 100th Anniversary of LENIN's birth. It was decided to change the date from April 26, 1970, to September 13, 1970, since the Orthodox Easter would fall on April 26.

(CG T-1, 3/17/70)

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(CG T-2, 9/29/67)

BLACK PANTHER PARTY

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, BPP Minister of Defense. NEWTON is presently serving a sentence of 2 to 15 years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, GEORGE MASON MURRAY, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, ".....we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

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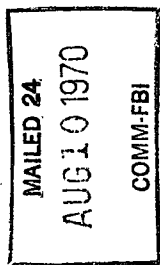
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Title: RUSSIAN-AMERICAN
OLD SETTLERS CLUB OF
YURI GAGARIN

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

Synopsis: Membership of Russian-American Old Settlers Club of
YURI GAGARIN (RAOSCYG) between 70 and 75. The
organization contributed money to birthday celebration
ILL for CLAUDE/LIGHTFOOT and contributed funds to the
"Daily World". Information concerning meetings and
activities set forth.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Russian-American Old Settlers Club
of YURI GAGARIN (RAOSCYG) mentioned in this report has
not been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450
and is characterized in the appendix.

All of the affairs and meetings mentioned
in this report were held at 2757 West Lemoyne Street,
Chicago, unless otherwise indicated.

I. BACKGROUNDA. Membership

The RAOSCYG has current membership of
between 70 and 75 with an average of about 35 in
attendance at the meetings.

(CG T-1, 10/29/70.)

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B. Funds

At a meeting of the RAOSCYG held on April 14, 1970, it was announced that a 60th birthday affair was to be held on April 18, 1970, honoring CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT. The RAOSCYG voted to donate \$25 to this affair. A financial report was also read at this meeting which gave the checking account balance for the organization as of December 31, 1969, as being \$898.67.

(CG T-1, 4/21/70.)

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT is titular chairman of the Communist Party (CP) of Illinois, and a member of the State Board.

(CG T-2, 10/20/70.)

It was learned the RAOSCYG contributed \$100 to the "Daily World" fund drive.

(CG T-3, 6/15/70.)

The "Daily World" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

At a meeting of the RAOSCYG, ~~GEORGE~~ SHARAK gave a report on an affair which had been held on May 24, 1970, and reported a profit of \$89.88. PAUL KOZAK thereupon contributed \$.12 to bring the total to \$90 and JULIUS METRICK contributed \$10 to make the amount \$100 even, and then it was voted to contribute this amount to the "Daily World" fund.

(CG T-1, 6/16/70.)

GEORGE SHARAK is a member of the Russian-Ukrainian Club, CP of Illinois.

(CG T-1, 10/29/70.)

PAUL KOZAK is not a member of the CP but he is considered to be pro-Soviet and pro-Communist.

(CG T-1, 10/29/70.)

JULIUS METRICK was a member of the 29th Ward Branch, CP of Illinois, from approximately 1940 - 1944.

(CG T-4, 12/3/52.)

At a meeting of the RAOSCYG held on September 8, 1970, it was reported that an affair held earlier in the year had resulted in a profit of \$175.45 for the club treasury. It was also announced that a second affair, which had been held in conjunction with another organization, had resulted in a profit of \$60.54 to the RAOSCYG.

(CG T-1, 10/12/70.)

II.. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Meetings and Affairs

A meeting of the RAOSCYG was held on April 14, 1970. A correspondent from "Tass", a Soviet newspaper, sat in on this meeting for the purpose of observing a meeting of Russian emigres in the United States. General club business was also transacted during the course of the meeting.

(CG T-1, 4/21/70.)

An affair sponsored by the RAOSCYG was held on May 7, 1970. This affair had been arranged at the request of personnel of the U.S.S.R. Embassy, Washington, D.C., for the purpose of providing an opportunity for General STOLNIK, U.S.S.R. Military Attache to visit Chicago. However, after the affair had been arranged, the General was unable to come to Chicago because of events which had developed in Cambodia at that time. Two Soviets who were in Chicago with the Soviet Photo Exhibit substituted for the General and spoke briefly. One of these individuals told of the suffering of Soviet people during World War II and the sacrifices they had made and their efforts to help win the war.

(CG T-2, 5/26/70.)

The current "Diplomatic List" published by the United States Department of State lists General MIKHAIL I. STOLNIK as the Military Attache, U.S.S.R. Embassy, Washington, D.C.

At a meeting of the RAOSCYG held on May 12, 1970, one of the members thanked the group for supporting a recent affair held for the purpose of raising funds for "Russky Golos."

In place of the usual educational, GEORGE SHARAK read an article about the 25th anniversary of victory by the Soviet forces in World War II.

(CG T-1, 5/26/70.)

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(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1957, House Report 1360, February 19, 1958, pp. 34 and 37.)"

At a meeting of the RAOSCYG held on June 9, 1970, it was announced that a picnic was planned by the friends of "Russky Golos" for June 14, 1970. Since that club was unable to arrange the picnic, the RAOSCYG had been asked to take it over. After some discussion, it was decided to run this picnic and plans were made for it. GEORGE SHARAK gave a report on an affair that had been held by the RAOSCYG on May 24, 1970, honoring three long-time members.

(CG T-1, 6/16/70.)

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A meeting of the RAOSCYG held on September 8, 1970, where it was announced that a banquet was being planned by the friends of "Russky Golos" to raise funds for the paper. Members were asked to volunteer to assist. A report was given by GEORGE SHARAK on a trip that members of the Chicago Russian emigree community had made to Arrow Park, New Jersey, for the purpose of participating in a dedication affair of statues honoring three Soviet Ukrainian heroes.

(CG T-1, 10/12/70.)

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CLUB OF YURI GAGARIN (RAOSCYG)

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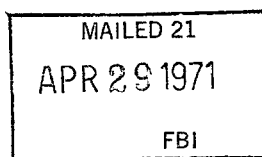
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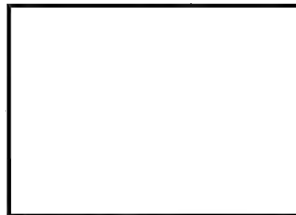
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CLUB OF YURI GAGARIN

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

Synopsis: Membership of Russian-American Old Settlers Club of Yuri Gagarin (RAOSCYG) is between 70 - 75 with approximately 35 active. At election of officers in 12/70, officers who served for 1970 re-elected for 1971. Officers include two members of the Communist Party (CP). RAOSCYG contributed money to send representatives to conference of readers of "Russky Golos" and also contributed funds to CP of Illinois. Information concerning meetings and activities set forth.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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I. BACKGROUND

A. Officers and Membership

At a meeting of the RAOSCYG held on December 8, 1970, an election of officers for the year 1971 was held. The following individuals who were the officers for 1970, were re-elected as indicated:

OFFICERS SUB. ORGANIZATION

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Chairman: STEVE ~~X~~SALWONCHIK
Vice Chairman: JULIA ~~X~~PETROVA
Financial Secretary: JOHN ~~X~~BRANOFF
Recording Secretary: ANTON ~~X~~HARBIN
Educational Director: GEORGE ~~X~~SHARAK

The current membership is approximately 70 - 75, with about 35 of these active and attending meetings.

(CG T-1, 12/22/70)

STEVE SALWONCHIK and JOHN BRANOFF are not Communist Party (CP) members, but are considered to be pro-Soviet and pro-communist.

(CG T-1, 12/22/70)

JULIA PETROVA is a former member of the CP who is considered to be pro-communist and pro-Soviet.

(CG T-1, 12/22/70)

GEORGE SHARAK and ANTON HARBIN are members of the Russian-Ukrainian Club, CP of Illinois.

(CG T-1, 12/22/70)

B. Funds

At a meeting of the RAOSCYG held on October 13, 1970, it was announced that a profit of \$147.80 had been realized from an affair held on September 13, 1970.

(CG T-1, 10/29/70)

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An affair marking the 53rd anniversary of the Russian revolution was held under the sponsorship of the RAOSCYG on November 8, 1970. A profit of \$186.06 was realized from this affair. One half of this amount was split with the co-sponsoring Ukrainian group.

(CG T-1, 11/16/70)

At a meeting of the RAOSCYG held on January 12, 1971, a financial report was submitted to the membership. It was reported that total receipts for the year 1970 amounted to \$757.25 with expenses of \$755.35, leaving a surplus of \$1.90. It was announced that the balance in the organization's checking account as of January 1, 1971, amounted to \$957.

(CG T-1, 1/21/71)

An affair sponsored by the RAOSCYG on April 25, 1971, resulted in a profit of \$243.20.

(CG T-1, 5/11/71)

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)

As noted above, ANTON HARBIN and GEORGE SHARAK, Recording Secretary and Educational Director, respectively, have been identified as CP members.

At a meeting of the RAOSCYG held on October 13, 1970, the membership voted to contribute the sum of \$147.80 to the CP of Illinois. This sum represented a profit from an affair held on September 13, 1970.

(CG T-1, 10/29/70)

The profit of \$186.06, which was realized from the affair held on November 8, 1970, mentioned under Funds was split 50/50 between the RAOSCYG and the Ukrainian group which co-sponsored the affair. The RAOSCYG membership voted to contribute its share to the CP of Illinois.

(CG T-1, 11/16/70)

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At a meeting of the RAOSCYG held on December 8, 1970, the group voted to contribute \$100 for the purpose of sending delegates from Chicago to a conference of readers of the "Daily World", to be held in New York.

(CG T-1, 12/22/70)

The "Daily World" is an east coast communist newspaper.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Meetings and Affairs

At a meeting of the RAOSCYG held on October 13, 1970, the CP candidate for United States Senator appeared and urged all "liberal" elements to support her in the campaign. A collection of \$100 was taken up and contributed to the campaign fund.

(CG T-1, 10/29/70)

An affair marking the 53rd anniversary of the Russian Revolution was held under the co-sponsoring of the RAOSCYG on November 8, 1970. The United States and Soviet flags were displayed and the national hymn of the Soviets and the National Anthem of the United States were played. Various ethnic group representatives brought greetings and the main speaker spoke on the effectiveness of freedom fights around the world.

(CG T-1, 11/16/70)

At a meeting of the RAOSCYG held on November 10, 1970, a discussion was held concerning the organization's relationship to "Russky Golos." A suggestion had been made that the RAOSCYG take over the functions previously handled by a loosely-formed group known as the Friends of Russky Golos, whose primary function is that of raising funds for the publication. The membership of the RAOSCYG voted not to assume these responsibilities, but did name

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a committee to assist the "Russky Golos" group.

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At a meeting of the RAOSCYG held on December 8, 1970, ANTON HARBIN read a letter to the group which he had received from GALINA UTEKHINA of the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D.C. Mrs. UTEKHINA commented on a recent newspaper article which had appeared in various newspapers around the United States concerning her. This article alleged that Mrs. UTEKHINA was a modern-day "Mata Hari" operating as a spy for the Soviet Union. In her letter, she emphatically denied these allegations and indicated that she was greatly distressed over these charges. The members of the RAOSCYG instructed HARBIN to communicate to Mrs. UTEKHINA the organization's "own indignation" over this regrettable article concerning her.

(CG T-1, 12/22/70)

The "Diplomatic List" dated November, 1970, published by the United States Department of State listed Mrs. GALINA V. UTEKHINA as an attache of the USSR Embassy, Washington, D.C.

A meeting of the RAOSCYG was held on January 12, 1971. A proposal was made that the permanent representative of the Byelorussian Mission to the

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United Nations be made an honorary member of the RAOSCYG. ANTON HARBIN was directed to communicate with the permanent representative to determine if he could accept this honor.

(CG T-1, 1/21/71)

At a meeting of the RAOSCYG heard on March 9, 1971, plans were made for an affair to be held on April 25, 1971, honoring the Russian cosmonauts and ANTON HARBIN. HARBIN will celebrate his 65th birthday late 1971, and the group decided to honor him for the year of his birth and his 45 years of activity in the "progressive movement."

(CG T-1, 5/11/71)

An affair honoring the Russian cosmonauts and honoring ANTON HARBIN was held on April 25, 1971. This affair consisted of a banquet and entertainment. There were about 200 persons in attendance and HARBIN received gifts and telegrams praising him for 45 years of activity in the "progressive movement."

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Among the officers of this organization for 1971 are Communist Party, ^{USA (CPUSA)} and former ~~Communist Party~~ ^{CPUSA} members.

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Report of: SA JOHN N. MORGAN

Date: 6/1/72

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 105-1655

Bureau File #: 100-408462

Title: RUSSIAN-AMERICAN OLD SETTLERS
CLUB OF YURI GAGARIN

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY-C

Synopsis: Membership of Russian-American Old Settlers Club of Yuri Gagarin (RAOSCYG) is between 70 and 75 with approximately 35 active. Among officers for 1972 are two members of the Communist Party (CP). Information concerning meetings and activities set forth.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Russian-American Old Settlers Club of Yuri Gagarin (RAOSCYG) is a pro-Soviet social organization in the Russian emigre community of Chicago.

All of the affairs and meetings mentioned in this report were held at 2757 West Le Moyne Street, Chicago, unless otherwise indicated.

I. BACKGROUND

A. Officers and Membership

The following individuals continue to serve the RAOSCYG as officers for 1972. They also were the officers in 1970 and 1971:

Chairman	STEVE SALWONCHIK
Vice Chairman	JULIA PETROVA
Financial Secretary	JOHN BRANOFF
Recording Secretary	ANTON HARBIN
Educational Secretary	GEORGE SHARAK

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The current membership is approximately 70 to 75, with about 35 of these active and attending meetings.

(CG T-1, 5/18/72)

STEVE SALWONCHIK and JOHN BRANOFF are not Communist Party (CP) members, but are considered to be pro-Soviet and pro-communist.

JULIA PETROVA is a former member of the CP who is considered to be pro-communist and pro-Soviet.

GEORGE SHARAK and ANTON HARBIN are members of the Russian-Ukrainian Club, CPUSA.

(CG T-1, 5/18/72)

B. Funds

At a meeting of the RAOSCYG held on February 8, 1972, the following financial report for 1971 was submitted to the membership:

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Expenses	\$802.05
Income	<u>\$689.60</u>
Deficit for year	\$112.45
Balance in Checking	
Account as of 12/31/71	\$788.12

(CGT-1, 2/14/72)

III. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Meetings and Affairs

On April 25, 1971, a birthday party was held under the sponsorship of the RAOSCYG honoring ANTON HARBIN on attaining the age of 65.

(CG T-2, 5/5/71)

At a meeting of the RAOSCYG held on June 8, 1971, it was announced that an affair sponsored by the club to aid the paper "Russky Golos" had resulted in a profit of \$58.50 which went to the paper.

(CG T-1, 6/15/71)

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- "1. A 'Russian-language daily' which the committee found to be a 'Communist-controlled publication.'

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1957, House Report 1360, February 19, 1958, PP. 34 & 37.)"

At a meeting of the RAOSCYG on September 14, 1971, ANTON HARBIN told the members about his recent trip to the Soviet Union.

(CG T-1, 9/16/71)

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It was reported at a meeting of the RAOSCYG on October 12, 1971, that a recent fund raising for "Russky Golos" had brought in \$182.97 from the affair, \$528.65 in collection money and a pledge of \$50.00.

(CG T-1, 10/19/71)

Meetings of the RAOSCYG were held on November 9, 1971, January 11, 1972, February 8, 1972 and April 11, 1972.

(CG T-1, 11/17/71, 2/14/72,
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Chicago, Illinois 60604
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Title: RUSSIAN - AMERICAN OLD SETTLERS
CLUB OF YURI GAGARIN

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis: Officers of organization include two members of Communist Party (CP) of Illinois; membership approximately 85. Russian-American Old Settlers Club (RAOSCYG) contribution \$236.00 to CP of Illinois campaign fund in October, 1972; held "Consular Reception" on 12/17/72 at which representatives of Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C. answered questions regarding Soviet visa and travel procedures. Information regarding meetings, activities and funds set forth.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Russian-American Old Settlers Club of Yuri Gagarin (RAOSCYG) is a pro-Soviet social organization in the Russian emigre community of Chicago.

All of the affairs and meetings mentioned in this report were held at the Russian Cultural Center, 2757 W. LeMoyn Street, Chicago, unless otherwise indicated.

I. BACKGROUND

A. Officers and Membership

The following officers for 1973 were elected at a general membership meeting of the organization held 12/12/72: Member of Subject Organization

<u>Chairman</u>	<u>STEVE SALWONCHIK</u>
<u>Vice Chairman</u>	<u>ILLIA SHIMCHUK</u>
<u>Financial Secretary</u>	<u>JOHN BRANOFF</u>
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	<u>ANTON HARBIN</u>
<u>Educational Secretary</u>	<u>GEORGE SHARAK</u>

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Current membership of the RAOSCYG is approximately 85, about half of whom attend regular monthly membership meetings.

(CG T-1, 5/23/73)

STEVE SALWONCHIK, JOHN BRANOFF and ILLIA SHIMCHUK are not Communist Party (CP) members, but are considered to be pro-Soviet and pro-communist.

ANTON HARBIN and GEORGE SHARAK are members of the Russian-Ukrainian Club, CPUSA.

(CG T-1, 5/23/73)

B. Funds

At a meeting of the organization on 1/9/73 STEVE SALWONCHIK presented the following financial report for 1972:

Income	\$552.96	
Expenses	640.50	
Deficit incurred	87.54	
Treasury Balance	1/1/72	\$788.12
Treasury Balance	1/1/73	700.79

(CG T-1, 2/14/73)

II. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Meetings and Affairs

At a joint meeting of the RAOSCYG and the Ukrainian-American League on 10/25/72 FRANCES GABOW, CP member and candidate of the Illinois CPUSA for Secretary of State of Illinois addressed those present. After the speech she was presented with \$236.00 as a contribution to the CP of Illinois campaign fund. This sum consisted of a \$100.00 donation from the RAOSCYG treasury and \$136.00 raised through a collection taken at the meeting, which was attended by 15 members of the two organizations.

(CG T -1, 11/6/72)

During the past year many members of the Ukrainian-American League have joined the RAOSCYG because the latter has a flourishing, active membership with regular social events and access to a "club house," (The Russian Cultural Center). The Ukrainian-American League has been unable to attract any youth and has lost many of its active members through infirmities and old age.

CG T-1, 12/18/72)

A source provided information on July 21, 1955, which discloses that as of December 29, 1947, the Ukrainian-American League, Incorporated, 85 East Fourth Street, New York, New York, was a corporation chartered under New York laws in 1940. The function of this firm was to publish the "Ukrainian Daily News," now known as the "Ukrainian News."

Another source advised on March 20, 1951, that the activities of the Ukrainian-American communists occur within the general orbit of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), of which Ukrainian communist organizations are a part. One of these organizations, according to the source, is the Ukrainian-American League, Incorporated, 85 East Fourth Street, New York, New York. The source advised that this League loosely united various communist camps, singing societies, political and social centers, and operates as the official publisher of "The Ukrainian News."

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the "Ukrainian Daily News:"

"1. Cited as Communist
(Committee on Un-American
Activities House Report 1951
on the American Slav Congress,
April 26, 1950, originally
released June 26, 1949, p. 15)."

The 1966-1967 Manhattan Telephone Directory discloses a listing for the Ukrainian-American League, Incorporated, at 85 East Fourth Street, New York City.

The RAOSCYG held a "Consular Reception" at the Russian Cultural Center on 12/17/72 which was publicized over a local radio station as affording an opportunity for Russian-Americans to meet with a representative of the Soviet Embassy who would answer questions concerning travel to the USSR, and related consular matters.

VALERIY P. BUTRIN, Attache and Vice Consul, Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C. was present for the affair and delivered a short speech, after answering questions concerning visa and travel procedures.

From the sale of tickets to the dinner which was held in conjunction with the reception a profit of \$91.23 was realized.

(CG T-1, 2/14/73)

The current "Diplomatic List" published by the United States Department of State (USDS) shows that VALERIY P. BUTRIN is an Attache and Vice-Consul employed by the Consular Office of the USSR in Washington, D. C.

Based on available information and/or investigation,

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At a meeting of the organization on 3/13/73 it was decided that the RAOSCYG would set up a committee to take over the functions of the "Friends of Russky Golos" to coordinate fund raising activities for Russky Golos in the Chicago area. In the past the Friends of Russky Golos has sponsored several social events each year for the benefit of the publication and solicited individual pledges and contributions. It was felt that the RAOSCYG could possibly do more for Russky Golos and increase contributions by assuming direct control. A committee of three was appointed for this purpose.

(CG T-1, 4/3/73)

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(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1957, House Report 1360, February 19, 1958, PP. 34 & 37.)"

On 5/6/73 the RAOSCYG and the Ukrainian-American League sponsored a joint celebration of May Day and Soviet Victory Day which resulted in a net profit of \$116.68.

(CG T-1, 5/15/73)

The organization sponsored a social affair and banquet on 4/15/73 to celebrate Soviet space achievements which was publicized as the "Day of the Astronauts." A profit of \$209.80 was realized from the event.

(CG T-1, 5/15/73)

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OF YURI GAGARIN (RAOSCYG)

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A source advised on June 11, 1973 that the RAOSCYG was formed January 8, 1954, at a meeting of the Policy Holders Protective Committee of the International Workers Order (IWO) for the purpose of taking over the social functions formerly handled by the Russian-American Fraternal Society of the IWO, thereby holding together the "progressive element" within the Russian community in the Chicago area. Although the organization was virtually inactive during 1956 and 1957, it resumed holding meetings in early 1958 and continues in existence as of this time.

The above source advised on June 12, 1968, that the membership voted to add the name of Yuri Gagarin to the name of the organization in honor of the deceased Soviet cosmonaut who was the first man in space.

Among the officers of this organization for 1973 are Communist Party and former Communist Party members.

The IWO has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The Russian-American Old Settlers Club of Yuri Gagarin (RAOSCYG) is a pro-Soviet social organization in the Russian emigre community of Chicago.

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 Character: **INTERNAL SECURITY - CPUSA**

Synopsis: Two of the five officers of the Russian-American Old Settlers Club of Yuri Gagarin (RAOSCYG) are current members of Communist Party (CP) of Illinois; membership of organization approximately 85. In past eight months RAOSCYG has contributed over \$300.00 to "Daily World." Two "consular receptions" attended by Soviet Embassy officials sponsored by organization in past year. In addition Soviet Embassy officials attended celebration on 5/5/74 sponsored by organization commemorating Soviet Victory Day, May Day, and KARL MARX birthday. Information regarding funds and other activities set forth.

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All of the affairs and meetings mentioned in this report were held at the Russian Cultural Center, 2757 W. LeMoyne Street, Chicago, unless otherwise indicated.

I. BACKGROUND

A. Officers and Membership

The following officers, who were elected in 1973, were re-elected for 1974 at a general membership meeting of the organization held on 12/11/73.

Chairman	STEVE SALWONCHIK
Vice Chairman	ILLIA SHIMCHUK
Financial Secretary	JOHN BRANOFF
Recording Secretary	ANTON HARBIN
Educational Secretary	GEORGE SHARAK

Current membership of the RAOSCYG is 85, of which about half attended regular monthly meetings.

(CG T-1, 12/12/73)

STEVE SALWONCHIK, JOHN BRANOFF and ILLIA SHIMCHUK are not Communist Party (CP) members but are considered to be pro-Soviet and pro-communist.

ANTON HARBIN and GEORGE SHARAK are members of the May First Club, CP, USA.

(CG T-1, 5/21/74)

B. Funds

The following annual financial report was presented at the 12/11/73 general membership meeting:

Income	\$774.68
Expenses	\$732.88
Profit for Year	\$ 41.80
Treasury Balance	
1/1/73	\$700.79
Treasury Balance	
1/1/74	\$742.59

(CG T-1, 12/12/73)

II. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Meetings and Affairs

At a meeting of the organization on 9/11/73 at the Russian Cultural Center, 2757 West LeMoyné Street, Chicago, a letter from the "Daily World," was read detailing its current financial problems. A collection from the 45 members present resulted in obtaining over \$200.00 for the publication.

(CG T-1, 9/25/73)

The "Daily World" is an east coast communist publications.

On 4/9/74 at the monthly RAOSCYG meeting GEORGE SHARAK reported that once again the "Daily World" was facing a financial crisis. Those present voted unanimously to contribute \$100.00 from the organization's treasury.

(CG T-1, 5/21/74)

LINDA APPLEHANS, Illinois CP official gave a ten minute presentation of the CP's financial problems at the 3/12/74 RAOSCYG meeting after which a collection was taken among the 47 members present. \$75.30 was raised.

(CG T-1, 3/21/74)

On 8/5/73 the RAOSCYG held a "consular reception" at the Russian Cultural Center which was publicized in advance over a local radio station as an opportunity for Russian-Americans to meet with a representative of the Soviet Embassy to discuss visa and travel problems. VLADIMIR USPENSKIY, the Embassy official spoke with over 30 persons who came to discuss consular matters.

(CG T-1, 8/9/73)

VLADIMIR SEMENOVICH USPENSKIY is a Third Secretary employed by the Consular Office of the USSR in Washington, D. C.

A "Consular Reception" was held on Sunday, 3/31/74 by the RAOSCYG at the Russian Cultural Center preceding a banquet celebrating the 57th anniversary of the founding of "Russky Golos." Two Soviet Embassy officials were present; NIKOLAY A. RYBAK and VALERIY BUTRIN. During the program following the banquet BUTRIN made a short speech praising Russky Golos and its supporters in Chicago.

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VALERIY PAVLOVICH BUTRIN, Attache and Vice-Counsel and NIKOLAY AFANASYEVICH RYBAK, Second Secretary are employed by the Consular Office of the USSR, Washington, D. C.

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On 5/5/74 the RAOSCYG held a celebration at the Russian Cultural Center in commemoration of May Day, Soviet Victory Day and KARL MARX Birthday. Speakers included ISHMAEL FLORY, Illinois CP official, RINGAUDAS MALISHAUSKAS of the Soviet Embassy and OLEG PASHKEVICH of the Byelorussian Mission to the United Nations (SMUN). Other guests from the SMUN were VALENTINA PASHKEVICH, wife of OLEG, VLADIMIR BAULIN, First Secretary, his wife LIDIYA BAULINA and ALEKSANDR VAZHNİK. Over 150 persons attended the affair.

(CG T-1, 5/7/74)

~~RINGAU~~ RINGAUDAS-KAZIMERAS KAZIMERO MALISHAUSKAS is a Second Secretary employed by the Consular Office of the USSR, Washington, D. C.

OLEG NIKOLAYEVICH PASHKEVICH is Deputy Permanent Representative, VLADIMIR IVANOVICH BAULIN, First Secretary and ALEKSANDR NIKOLAYEVICH VAZHNİK, Second Secretary of the Byelorussian Mission to the United Nations.

At a membership meeting of the RAOSCYG on 5/14/74 it was announced that the May Day affair on May 5, 1974 had resulted in a profit of \$199.56, and that the celebration on April 21, 1974 commemorating Soviet space achievements, publicized as "Day of the Cosmonauts" brought the organization a profit of \$32.65.

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RUSSIAN-AMERICAN OLD SETTLERS CLUB
OF YURI GAGARIN (RAOSCYG)
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Among the officers of this organization for 1974 are Communist Party and former Communist Party members.

Abbreviated Sketch

The Russian-American Old Settlers Club of Yuri Gagarin (RAOSCYG) is a pro-Soviet social organization in the Russian emigre community of Chicago.

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Among the officers of this organization for 1973-1974 are Communist Party and former Communist Party members.

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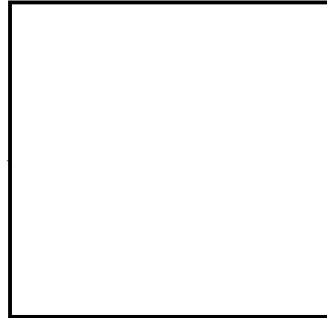
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Report of: SA RICHARD H. NACHTSHEIM
Date: May 29, 1975

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 105-1655

Bureau File #: 100-408462

Title: RUSSIAN - AMERICAN OLD
SETTLERS CLUB OF YURI GAGARIN

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

Synopsis: Incumbent officers of organization, including two members of the Communist Party (CP) of Illinois, reelected for 1975; membership, approximately 85. In past year organization contributed \$2,716 to Russky Golos, \$323 to Young Workers Liberation League (YWLL) and \$100 to CP of Illinois. In June, 1974, organization sponsored musical program featuring soloists from Kiev Opera on tour of United States. Benefit for Russky Golos sponsored by organization in February, 1975, included representative of Soviet Embassy with JACK KLING, CP of Illinois Secretary, as main speaker.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

All information set forth below furnished by CG T-1 is classified "Confidential".

All of the meetings and affairs mentioned herein were held at the Russian Cultural Center, 2757 West LeMoyne Street, Chicago.

I. BACKGROUND

A. Officers and Membership

The following officers, originally elected in 1973 and reelected in 1974, were reelected again for 1975 at a general membership meeting of the Russian - American Old Settlers Club of Yuri Gagarin (RAOSCYG) (see appendix) on December 10, 1974:

Chairman	STEVE SALWONCHIK
Vice Chairman	ILLIA SHIMCHUK
Financial Secretary	JOHN BRANOFF
Recording Secretary	ANTON HARBIN
Educational Secretary	GEORGE SHARAK

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Current membership of the RAOSCYG is 85; attendance at monthly membership meetings averages 60.

(CG T-1, 1/7/75)

STEVE SALWONCHIK, JOHN BRANOFF and ILLIA SHIMCHUK, while not Communist Party (CP) (see appendix) members, are considered to be both pro-Soviet and pro-communist.

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ANTON HARBIN and GEORGE SHARAK are members
of the May First Club, of CP of Illinois.

(CG T-1, 1/7/75)

B. Funds

The following annual financial report for 1974
was presented at the December 10, 1974, general membership
meeting:

Income	\$ 663.85
Expenses	\$ 890.36
Deficit for Year	\$ 226.51
Treasury Balance 1/1/74	\$ 742.59
Bequest to Organization	\$5,876.16
Treasury Balance 1/1/75	\$6,392.24

(CG T-1, 1/7/75)

II. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Meetings and Affairs

On June 4, 1974, the RAOSCYG in joint sponsorship
with the Ukrainian - American League (UAL) (see appendix)
presented a musical program featuring two soloists from the
Kiev Opera currently touring the United States.

(CG T-1, 6/11/74)

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On June 11, 1974, at a general membership meeting of the RAOSCYG, it was announced that \$1,555.10 had been raised by the organization for the benefit of Russky Golos (see appendix), \$1,000 was donated by an individual member of the RAOSCYG.

(CG T-1, 6/26/74)

At a meeting of the RAOSCYG on October 8, 1974, it was announced that the organization had raised \$724.80 for Russky Golos through a benefit and collection.

(CG T-1, 10/17/74)

At a meeting of the May First Club of the CP of Illinois on October 16, 1974, it was announced that the RAOSCYG had donated \$100 to the CP of Illinois for it's election campaign.

(CG T-1, 10/17/74)

At membership meetings on November 12, 1974, and January 14, 1975, a representative of the Young Workers Liberation League (YWLL) (see appendix) described the program and activities of this organization and the RAOSCYG responded with donations of \$173.00 and \$150.00.

(CG T-1, 11/13/74, 2/20/75)

The organization at it's February meeting voted to donate \$200.00 from it's treasury to Russky Golos.

(CG T-1, 2/20/75)

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On February 16, 1975, the RAOSCYG held a banquet for the benefit of Russky Golos. The main speaker was JACK KLING, State Organizational Secretary, CP of Illinois, who lauded the Soviet Union and contrasted it's economic system with the capitalist system of the United States, which has brought inflation, unemployment and recession.

RIMGAUDAS MALISHAUSKAS, representing the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D.C., extended greetings to those present on behalf of the Embassy.

A collection taken among the audience of approximately 100, raised \$1,002.00. In addition, the profit from the banquet brought in \$235.93. All proceeds were forwarded directly to Russky Golos in New York.

(CG T-1, 2/20/75)

RIMGAUDAS-KAZIMERAS KAZIMERO MALISHAUSKAS is a Second Secretary employed by the Consular Office of the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D.C.

On April 13, 1975, the organization held a banquet to celebrate Soviet space achievements publicized as the "Day of the Cosmonauts".

(CG T-1, 5/27/75)

1APPENDIXCOMMUNIST PARTY, USA (CPUSA)

Title 50, U.S. Code, Section 781 (Internal Security Act of 1950) stated that, as a result of evidence adduced before various committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, Congress found the existence of a world communist revolutionary movement, whose purpose is to establish a communist totalitarian dictatorship in the world's countries through the medium of a world-wide communist organization. Communist action organizations in various countries endeavor to carry out the objectives of the world communist movement by bringing about the overthrow of existing governments by any means. The communist organization in the United States -- the CPUSA -- pursuing its stated objectives, presents "a clear and present danger to the security of the United States." The Subversive Activities Control Board, established by Section 791 of the above Act, found the CPUSA to be a communist action organization. This finding was upheld by the United States Supreme Court in June, 1961. The CPUSA has continued to be an arm of the international communist movement dominated by the Soviet Union. The CPUSA, in its dependence on the Soviet Union, has never knowingly adopted a position contrary to Soviet policy. Its leaders frequently confer with Soviet leaders to receive guidance and direction on the policies the CPUSA is to follow. There has been no evidence that the primary aims of the CPUSA, as they conform to Soviet objectives, have changed over the years.

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RUSSIAN - AMERICAN OLD SETTLERS
CLUB OF YURI GAGARIN (RAOSCYG)

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APPENDIX

RUSSKY GOLOS

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" revised and published December 1, 1961, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., states as follows on page 199 concerning "Russky Golos":

- "1. A 'Russian-language daily' which the committee found to be a 'communist-controlled publication.'

(Committee on Un-American Activities,
Annual Report for 1957, House Report
1360, February 19, 1958, pp. 34 & 37.)

APPENDIX

UKRAINIAN - AMERICAN LEAGUE, INCORPORATED

A source provided information on July 21, 1955, which discloses that as of December 29, 1947, the Ukrainian - American League, Incorporated, 85 East Fourth Street, New York, New York, was a corporation chartered under New York laws in 1940. The function of this firm was to publish the "Ukrainian Daily News," now known as "The Ukrainian News."

Another source advised on March 20, 1951, that the activities of the Ukrainian - American communists occur within the general orbit of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), of which Ukrainian communist organizations are a part. One of these organizations, according to the source, is the Ukrainian - American League, Incorporated, 85 East Fourth Street, New York, New York. The source advised that this League loosely united various communist camps, singing societies, political and social centers, and operates as the official publisher of "The Ukrainian News."

The 1966-1967 Manhattan Telephone Directory discloses a listing for the Ukrainian - American League, Incorporated, at 85 East Fourth Street, New York City.

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APPENDIX

YOUNG WORKERS LIBERATION LEAGUE

The Young Workers Liberation League (YWLL), the youth group of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), was formed in February, 1970. It has established chapters throughout the United States for the purposes of educating youth in Marxist-Leninist doctrine and recruiting them into the CPUSA. National headquarters are in New York, New York.

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Title: RUSSIAN-AMERICAN OLD SETTLERS
CLUB OF YURI GAGARIN (RAOSCYG)

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY-COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

Synopsis:

Two of organization's 1976 officers identified as members of Illinois-Iowa District of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA); current membership approximately 87. During past year organization has contributed \$350 to the CPUSA, \$224 to "Daily World" and raised over \$4800 for "Russky Golos." Soviet Embassy officials have been frequent guests of organization, have donated films, recordings and literature, and urged organization to increase activities and membership to offset advancing age of current membership. Other guests of RAOSCYG have included local CP leaders and officers of Soviet vessel which visited Chicago in October, 1975. Organization invited to send delegation to Soviet Union during 1976.

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I. BACKGROUND

A. Officers and Membership

The Russian-American Old Settlers Club of Yuri Gagarin (RAOSCYG) (see appendix) elected the following officers for 1976 at its meeting on December 9, 1975:

<u>OFFICERS OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION</u>	
<u>Chairman</u>	MIKE DULKO
<u>Vice Chairman</u>	HELEN KRASNOZAN
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	ANTON HARBIN
<u>Financial Secretary</u>	JOHN BRANOFF
<u>Educational Director</u>	GEORGE SHARAK

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Current membership of the organization is approximately 87; attendance at monthly membership meetings averages 55.

(CG T-1, 12/16/75)

MIKE DULKO, HELEN KRASNOZAN and JOHN BRANOFF are both pro-Soviet and pro-communist but not members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) (see appendix).

ANTON HARBIN and GEORGE SHARAK are members of the May First Club of the Illinois-Iowa District of the CPUSA.

(CG T-1, 6/2/76)

B. Funds

The following financial report for 1975 was presented at the general membership meeting on January 13, 1976:

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Treasury balance 1/1/75	\$6,392.24
Treasury balance 1/1/76	5,905.27
Deficit for year	486.97

(CG T-1, 1/15/76)

In the twelve month period beginning June 1, 1975, the RAOSCYG through fund raising affairs, individual donations from members and contributions from its treasury was instrumental in raising approximately \$4800 for "Russky Golos" (see appendix), \$224 for the "Daily World" and \$350 for various fund drives of the CP.

(CG T-1, 6/17/76)

The "Daily World" is an East Coast communist newspaper.

II. MISCELLANEOUS

It was announced at the May meeting of the RAOSCYG that the Soviet Committee for Cultural Relations with Countrymen Abroad in Moscow had sent the organization material for an exhibit about the Soviet Union to be displayed at the Russian Cultural Center, 2757 West LeMoyn Street, Chicago. *SV exhibit*

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ILL (JACK KLING, State Secretary of the Illinois-Iowa District of the CPUSA delivered a speech describing plans for the forthcoming National Convention of the CPUSA to be held in Chicago June 26-29, 1975. Sixtyfive persons were in attendance. *CP speech*

(CG T-1, 6/3/75)

ANATOLIY ZHUK, Attache and Vice Consul, Consular Office, Soviet Embassy, Washington, D.C., was the featured speaker at the annual celebration of Soviet Victory Day on June 8, 1975, sponsored by the RAOSCYG. *SV speech*

(CG T-1, 6/12/75)

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At a meeting on June 10, 1975, the organization voted to contribute \$100 to the CPUSA towards the expenses of the Mass Bicentennial Festival sponsored by the Party in conjunction with its forthcoming national convention.

(CG T-1, 6/24/75)

On August 22, 1975, the RAOSCYG cosponsored the Chicago appearance of a Ukrainian Artist Group composed of five musical entertainers.

(CG T-1, 9/11/75)

VLADIMIR D. POZHAROV, Third Secretary and Vice Consul, Consular Office, Soviet Embassy, Washington, D.C., was the guest of the RAOSCYG at a banquet at the Russian Cultural Center on October 5, 1975. Besides speaking at the banquet POZHAROV held a "Consular Reception" beforehand at which he answered questions pertaining to visa matters.

(CG T-1, 10/8/75)

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IVAN GAIDENKO, First Mate of the Soviet vessel "50 Letie Komsomol" contacted officers of the RAOSCYG on October 24, 1975 and informed them that his ship had just arrived in Chicago from Kiev and that he wanted to visit the "Gagarin Club." During the following week GAIDENKO and other officers of the ship were entertained by RAOSCYG members who, in turn, were guests of GAIDENKO aboard the Soviet vessel.

(CG T-1, 10/30/75)

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A celebration of the 58th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution was held on November 30, 1975, under the sponsorship of the RAOSCYG. The featured speaker was MILDRED WILLIAMSON, a member of the CPUSA, who was introduced by ISH FLORY, Chairman of the Illinois-Iowa District of the CPUSA. Approximately 100 persons attended.

(CG T-1, 12/2/75)

ILL. SYLVIA WOODS, a member of the CPUSA, spoke, at the November meeting of the organization concerning a forthcoming Party conference on unemployment. In response to her appeal \$50 was donated from the RAOSCYG treasury, and \$50 from a collection, towards assisting the Party in meeting the expenses of the conference.

At the December meeting of the organization, a letter was read from the Bylorussian Committee for Cultural Relations with Countrymen Abroad inviting the RAOSCYG to send a delegation to the USSR during 1976. All expenses except the plane fare from Chicago to Minsk would be borne by the Committee.

(CG T-1, 12/16/75)

At the April meeting of the organization ANTON HARBIN and GEORGE SHARAK explained to the membership that the CPUSA hopes to play an important role in the forthcoming national convention of the National Council of Senior Citizens to be held in Chicago in June. Because delegates can only come from groups affiliated with the National Council, the Party leaders suggested the RAOSCYG formally join the National Council and that individual RAOSCYG members also join. In response the membership voted to affiliate the RAOSCYG as a group with the National Council and 13 members applied for individual memberships.

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VLADIMIR D. POZHAROV of the Consular Office of the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D.C., accompanied by RIMGAUDAS K. MALISHAUSKAS, Second Secretary, Consular Office, were guests of the RAOSCYG at its annual celebration of Soviet Cosmonaut Day on April 11, 1976. POZHAROV brought with him as gifts to the RAOSCYG several Soviet documentary films, musical recordings, literature and ballet costumes for a dance group being organized by members of the organization. During their stay in Chicago POZHAROV and MALISHAUSKAS met privately with GEORGE SHARAK and ANTON HARBIN, the acknowledged leaders of the pro-Soviet element of the Russian emigre community in Chicago. POZHAROV, who requested the meeting, explained that the Embassy was concerned about the future of the pro-Soviet organizations in Chicago because of the advancing age of the

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membership. HE and MALISHAUSKAS urged SHARAK and HARBIN to increase the activities and membership of these groups including the RAOSCYG wherever possible.

(CG T-1, 4/14/76)

~~TED PEARSON~~, Legislative Director, Illinois-Iowa District of the CP, spoke at the May meeting of the RAOSCYG, describing the forthcoming CPUSA election campaign in Illinois. In response to his appeal for a donation from the organization those present voted in favor of a \$50 contribution from the treasury and donated \$100 individually in cash.

(CG T-1, 5/25/76)

APPENDIXCOMMUNIST PARTY, USA (CPUSA)

Title 50, U.S. Code, Section 781 (Internal Security Act of 1950) stated that, as a result of evidence adduced before various committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, Congress found the existence of a world communist revolutionary movement, whose purpose is to establish a communist totalitarian dictatorship in the world's countries through the medium of a world-wide communist organization. Communist action organizations in various countries endeavor to carry out the objectives of the world communist movement by bringing about the overthrow of existing governments by any means. The communist organization in the United States -- the CPUSA -- pursuing its stated objectives, presents "a clear and present danger to the security of the United States." The Subversive Activities Control Board, established by Section 791 of the above Act, found the CPUSA to be a communist action organization. This finding was upheld by the United States Supreme Court in June, 1961. The CPUSA has continued to be an arm of the international communist movement dominated by the Soviet Union. The CPUSA, in its dependence on the Soviet Union, has never knowingly adopted a position contrary to Soviet policy. Its leaders frequently confer with Soviet leaders to receive guidance and direction on the policies the CPUSA is to follow. There has been no evidence that the primary aims of the CPUSA, as they conform to Soviet objectives, have changed over the years.

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APPENDIX

RUSSIAN-AMERICAN OLD SETTLERS
CLUB OF YURI GAGARIN (RAUSCYG)

The RAUSCYG was formed January 8, 1954, at a meeting of the Policy Holders Protective Committee of the International Workers Order (IWO) for the purpose of taking over the social functions formerly handled by the Russian-American Fraternal Society of the IWO, thereby holding together the "progressive element" within the Russian community in the Chicago area. The IWO is cited as subversive and communist in the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

In recent years the RAUSCYG has sponsored annual celebrations of Soviet Victory Day, May Day and Soviet Cosmonaut Day as well as held fund raising affairs for pro-communist publications in addition to making direct contributions from its treasury to these publications. Officials of the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D.C., have frequently spoken at such affairs.

On June 12, 1968, the membership voted to add the name of Yuri Gagarin to the name of the organization in honor of the deceased Soviet cosmonaut who was the first man in space.

Among the current officers of this organization are Communist Party (CP) and former CP members. The CPUSA is a subversive organization that serves as an arm of the international communist movement dominated by the Soviet Union.

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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published December 1, 1961, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., states as follows on page 199 concerning "Russky Golos":

- "1. A 'Russian-language daily' which the committee found to be a 'communist-controlled publication.'"

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1957, House Report 1360, February 19, 1955, pp. 34 & 37.)

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**RUSSIAN-AMERICAN OLD SETTLERS CLUB OF
YURI GAGARIN (RAOSCYG)
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Referenced report portrays CPUSA as somewhat influential in the affairs of RAOSCYG; however, there is an absence of information clearly demonstrating the necessary control and domination required to sustain continued investigation of it as a CPUSA front group.

Admittedly, its officers are pro-communist, two of whom are CPUSA members. The remainder have no such affiliation. RAOSCYG has donated petty sums of cash to CPUSA and its causes. CPUSA leaders have spoken at RAOSCYG events. However, this organization's primary activity seems to be in interaction with the Soviets. Soviet Embassy officials have been frequent guests of RAOSCYG, have donated films, recordings and literature. Other guests of RAOSCYG have been officers of a Soviet vessel which visited Chicago.

There is no doubt that some connection exists between RAOSCYG and CPUSA. The issue to be explored is one of degree. Based on referenced report, it appears to FBIHQ that CPUSA's extent of influence is less than that necessary to justify continued investigation of it as a CPUSA front. As an intermediate measure, suspend further investigation of RAOSCYG in the domestic security area.

Promptly conduct a thorough review of your file.

Assoc. Dir. — Determine whether there is justification to continue a domestic security investigation of RAOSCYG as a CPUSA front, or whether it may better fit the criteria for a "COMINFIL" investigation.
Dep. AD Adm. —
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Asst. Dir.: —
Admin. — Also, because of its connection with the Soviets, determine whether continued action may be warranted under Attorney General (AG) guidelines for counterintelligence cases. Furnish the results of your analysis to FBIHQ together with recommendations.
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Letter to Chicago

**Re: Russian-American Old Settlers Club of Yuri Gagarin (RAOSCYG)
100-408462**

NOTE:

RAOSCYG was formed in 1954 for the purpose of holding together the "progressive element" within the Chicago Russian Community. It sponsors annual Soviet celebrations. Concern has been expressed about the future of this organization because of the advancing age of its membership, which currently is numbered about 87.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-408462)

DATE: 12/2/76

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (105-1655)

SUBJECT: RUSSIAN AMERICAN OLD SETTLERS CLUB
OF YURI GAGARIN
IS - CPUSA

Re Chicago telephone call 12/2/76 to Bureau Supervisor DENNIS FISHER. Re Bulet 9/13/76 requesting Chicago to determine if investigation of captioned organization would be warranted as a "COMINFIL" investigation under Attorney General (AG) guidelines for domestic organizations or, because of its Soviet connections, under AG guidelines for foreign counterintelligence investigations (FCI).

In view of the many similarities between the Russian American Old Settlers Club of Yuri Gagarin and the CPUSA as to their relationship to the Soviet Union and/or Soviet Intelligence, Chicago will hold in abeyance its analysis of captioned organization pending clarification of future investigation of the CPUSA under AG guidelines pertaining to foreign counterintelligence investigations.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-408462)

DATE: 5/19/77

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (105-1655) (C)

SUBJECT: RUSSIAN AMERICAN OLD SETTLERS
CLUB OF YURI GAGARIN (RAOSCYG)
IS - CPUSA
OO: CHICAGO

Re Bulet to Chicago dated 9/13/76, and Chicago letter to the Bureau dated 12/2/76.

Substance of referenced letters was to determine if the RAOSCYG meets the criteria to sustain investigation as a CPUSA front group or under Foreign Counter Intelligence (FCI) investigation guidelines due to its connection with the Soviet Union.

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Among the current membership of this club are Communists Party (CP) and former CP members. The current CP members, two in number, are both officials in this club.

To date captioned club has been investigated as a CPUSA front group. A review of this matter concerning the recent activities of the RAOSCYG does not appear to show justification for investigation as a CP front group. In referenced Bureau letter it was noted only two of the club's officials were in fact CPUSA members; the sum of cash donated by the RAOSCYG to the CPUSA is a petty amount; leaders and representatives of the CPUSA have spoken at meetings of the RAOSCYG, however, not on a regular basis.

It appears the RAOSCYG is basically a social type organization which concerns itself with the interaction of the Soviets. The interest of this club appears to lie in the retention of a Russian based existence as evidenced by the types of entertainment, speakers and sponsorships of various Soviet publications this group supports. It appears the interests of the members of this club are basically in Russian cultural type activities. Speakers from diplomatic establishments talk about life in the Soviet Union, travel restrictions to and from the USSR and the lifestyle of the group members in the Chicago area needed to maintain a base for Soviet awareness.

On the other hand, a number of the representatives who come to the RAOSCYG are affiliated with the Soviet Intelligence Service (SIS), and it would appear that their interest in this group is more than to just provide social entertainment for the group. Rather, it is possible, through the RAOSCYG, the SIS may see a way to maintain contact with a group of western world sympathisers, and thereby having a base and contacts from which to work in Chicago should they ever need information concerning individuals or areas, within the Chicago area, at a future date.

However, it would appear that investigation of this particular club, as a whole, does not meet criteria established under the Attorney General's guidelines for FCI investigations, rather, it would lie in some of the individual members of this club. Information received concerning the members of the group in which the Bureau has an interest has been appropriately disseminated in the past.

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In view of the above, and UACB, Chicago is discontinuing the investigation of above club as a CPUSA front group, due to the limited exposure this club has had in the recent past with the CPUSA, and, therefore, it should not be called a front group. Also, the group which appears to be a domestic organization does not fall within the Attorney General's guidelines for FCI investigations. Chicago will, however, continue to report on the activities of those members in which this Bureau may have an interest.